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Agra	3
Jhansi	25 & 26
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Connecting NH-34 with Kolkata Port

1560. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has already been made by NHAI for connecting NH-34 with Kolkata Port; and

(b) whether Government would consider to include this Scheme in Port connectivity Programme of NHDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Consultancy work for development of adequate road connectivity to Kolkata Port has been awarded. It is premature to indicate inclusion or otherwise of the project in Port connectivity Programme under NHDP.

Central road fund for Uttar Pradesh

†1561. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals sent by Government of Uttar Pradesh for assistance under Central Road Fund during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(b) the amount of assistance provided to the State during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Total 45 number of CRF proposals amounting to Rs. 512.73 Cr. were sent by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for assistance under Central Road Fund during 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Total 36 number of CRF proposals amounting to Rs. 322.46 Cr. have been sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 125.19 Cr. has been released during 2003-04 & 2004-05 till date.

Toll Tax on National Highways

1562. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the toll tax being charged on the National Highways at present is uniform throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The users' fee charged on National Highway sections depends on the length of the four lane National Highway section or the cost of the bridge. However, the capping rates *i.e.* the maximum unit rate of users' fee applicable to four lane National Highways sections and bridges are uniformly applied at the time of notifying the quantum of users' fee in each case.

Projects of Ministry of Shipping

1563. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Ministry has approved 18 projects involving private investment worth Rs. 6,000 crore;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of 18 projects, work has started on as many as 13 projects and projects involving private investment of more than Rs. 3,400 crore are under the Government's consideration; and

(c) if so, the details of proposed projects?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) 19 projects involving private sector investment at an estimated cost of Rs. 6445.20 crores have so far been approved by the competent authority. Out of these, 13 projects have become operational. In addition to these 19 projects, there are 16 other projects in various major ports where bids are contemplated/invited involving a total